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The **ELECT Intern** program
is a voter education project
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ELECT to Intern

Curious about politics in Arkansas? Want to make a real impact in your school — even in your community? Don't wait until you're 18 to get involved. Do it now through a new program with Arkansas Secretary of State Charlie Daniels.

Be an **ELECT** Intern!

The **ELECT Intern** program allows high school juniors and seniors to become leaders in a variety of civic-minded activities. It's one component of a statewide voter education initiative called **ELECT**:

Energetic Leadership Educating Citizens Together.

The **ELECT** program strives to educate voters and increase their turnout at the polls. One goal of the **ELECT Internship** is to involve you in the voting process now so that you'll choose to be an active voter once you turn 18.

The Selection Process

The **ELECT Internship Program** debuts in September 2004 with 150 students chosen by the Secretary of State. To apply, you must be a junior or senior in high school or a freshman in an Arkansas college. Serving through July 2005, **ELECT Interns** will be selected based on geographic location; teacher recommendations; and a typed, 250-word essay on the topic "Why Is It Important To Educate Citizens About Voting?"

ELECT Activities

The **ELECT Intern** handbook will guide you through a variety of activities to conduct in your school and community. These projects demonstrate the importance of government, voting and citizenship, both to you and to your community.

ELECT Interns will...

- Offer voter registration applications to classmates on their 18th birthday
- Write articles for school & local newspapers
- Serve as poll workers or election pages

Interns can also choose from several **ELECTive** activities, such as participating in:

- Voter registration drives
- National Student-Parent Mock Election
- Student government elections & campaigns
- Voter education research, presentations & other civic-related activities.

Each student will secure a faculty sponsor to serve as an advisor and participate in program activities. Secretary of State staff will provide additional support.

ELECT Interns who successfully complete the program will be awarded Capitol Citations and will receive certification for the valuable experience and skills gained through this exclusive and original program.

To apply, simply complete the attached **ELECT Internship** application and mail it with your recommendations and essay by **September 13**.



ELECT Internship Application

Yes! I would like to apply for the **ELECT** Internship!

Name _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

Home Address _____

E-mail Address _____

School Name _____

County _____

Grade Level: _____

Faculty
Sponsor's Name _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

Sponsor's
Phone Number _____

Sponsor's E-mail _____

Detach and mail this form along with two teacher recommendation letters and your 250-word essay by **September 13** to:

**Arkansas Secretary of State
ATTN: ELECT Intern Program
P.O. Box 8111
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-8111**

If you have questions about the **ELECT Internship** Program, please contact Carder Hawkins at 501.683.3733 or jchawkins@sosmail.state.ar.us.